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## 26 Beneficiaries Given Awards By Security Board

### First Session of Local Board Shows 51 Relief Applicants

#### MOSTLY NEGROES

### Allotments Range From \$3 to \$11 Per Month; Checks Soon

Chowan County's first participants under the social security program were approved Tuesday morning at a meeting of the County Welfare Board.

Fifty-one applicants for aid were reviewed by the Board which resulted in only 26 cases being approved, these being 21 for old age benefits, four dependent children and one, a blind case. Of the 51 applications for aid, 44 were colored people and seven were white.

The amounts recommended for payment varied depending upon circumstances surrounding the individual cases. The average old age payment will be \$6 per month, while an average of 98 per month will be paid to dependent children. Payments range from \$3 to \$11 per month.

W. M. Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, said that at the meeting Tuesday, first consideration was given to those who had been getting county aid, which was cut off July 1. Twenty-five of the 26 who qualified for payments had been on the county relief roll. Mr. Perkins was also very emphatic in discussing the welfare situation that payments would be recommended only from a need standpoint. The general impression, it seems, especially among colored citizens, is that the only requirement to qualify under the social security program is to be 65 years of age. However, a thorough investigation is made in each case and, as Mr. Perkins said, there must be absolute need before payments will be approved.

There have been a number of instances where 65-year-old people who have other means of subsistence sought payments, one even appearing in the welfare office claiming to be in good standing and entitled to his old-age payment. He informed Mr. Perkins that he had paid his dues, 25 cents, a year ago and now was ready for his check. Mr. Perkins says a number of letters have been received in the county by old people purporting to get them on the list by payment of 25 cents, which of course is the work of some slicker plying his fraudulent tactics upon unsuspecting old folks, mostly Negroes. There is no cost attached to any application for aid under any phase of the social security program, but thorough investigations are made and only those approved who have no other way of securing the bare necessities of life.

Checks will be made out at Raleigh and sent to the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, who in turn will have them sent to the proper person.

## Floyd White Made District Commander

Floyd I. White was honored this week at the State Legion Convention held at Durham, when he was named district commander of the First District. Mr. White succeeds C. E. Kramer, and will begin his term October 20 for a period of two years. Ike Lewis, of Manteo, succeeds himself as vice commander for the district.

Sheriff J. A. Bunch and Robert L. Pratt, acting as delegates from the Ed Bond Post, and Oscar H. Brown and Ernest White attended the convention, returning home Tuesday night. The quartet report a very pleasant trip and an interesting convention.

## Auditor's Report Of Town Books Received

A. T. Allen & Company, certified public accountants of Raleigh, have completed the audit of town books and have sent their report to Mayor J. H. McMullan. Receipt of the report gives the finance committee of Town Council an opportunity to work on next year's budget and a meeting of the committee will be held early next week to prepare a tentative budget to present to Town Council at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, August 10.

Concluding his report, Mr. Allen says he found the books in balance and well and accurately kept.

## HURRICANE DATA SOUGHT BY AID OF SMALL BALLOONS

### E. R. Conger Urges Residents To Be On Lookout For Tiny Gadgets Released at Raleigh

E. R. Conger, displayman for the U. S. Weather Bureau Storm Warning Station at Edenton, has recently received a letter from John J. Murphy, meteorologist in charge of the weather bureau at Norfolk, informing him that residents in this section may have an opportunity to assist in a project for investigating the upper-air conditions in a hurricane if any occurs this season, which will be undertaken as a co-operative effort of the United States Weather Bureau and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and which is expected to give valuable information regarding the structure of hurricanes.

The project calls for the release during a hurricane, at Raleigh, of 57 sounding balloons to each of which will be attached a tiny meteorograph weighing but one and one-half ounces.

The meteorograph will automatically record temperature, pressure and humidity values on a smoked glass plate, only slightly larger than a postage stamp, during the balloons ascent.

The balloons, which are filled with hydrogen gas, burst at maximum heights of about 10 to 20 miles releasing the meteorograph, which is suspended beneath the balloon by a 40-foot length of rubber cord.

In order to prevent serious damage to the instrument when it strikes the ground, the meteorograph is attached to a light framework formed of three thin bamboo sticks about four feet long, fixed at their centers so as to be mutually perpendicular.

Attention to the meteorograph will be attracted by five little red-colored flags, fastened to the framework, and anyone finding any of the instruments is urged to preserve it carefully, refraining from tampering with the delicate apparatus, and return it by parcel post to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Upon its receipt, payment for its return will be made to the finder.

## ROTARY ENTERS SOFT BALL CLUB IN LOCAL LEAGUE

### New Schedule Calls For Four Regular Games Each Week

#### MORE INTEREST

### Season Will Conclude With Series For City Championship

Rotarians this week entered a club in Edenton's soft ball league, thus making a four-club circuit. As a result of this entry a new schedule has been drawn up and though the Red Men far out-distanced the Lions and Masons who have been playing since June 2, the standing of the clubs will begin all over again. It is the purpose of league officials to play a schedule of games terminating on Friday September 3, after which the teams occupying first and last place, as well as the two middle teams will play a series of games, the winners of the two series to play a series for the league championship.

The new schedule calls for four games a week, Tuesday night, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday nights, thus calling each team in the league into action twice a week.

The Rotary Club decided to enter the league last Thursday when it was agreed to allow them several substitutes due to their limited membership and inability to place ten men on the field for each game. It is expected that the Rotarians' entrance in the league will stimulate interest in soft ball and result in increased attendance at the games which to date has been far below expectations. Included in the Rotary lineup will be Earl Goodwin, Millard Bond, John Holmes, William Jones, George Capehart, Oscar Brown, John Graham, Jesse White Lloyd Ruston and post.

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## UNC ALUMNI DAY AT MANTEO EVENT SATURDAY, AUG. 7

### Four Edenton Alumni Named On Special Committee

#### 47 IN COUNTY

### Julien Wood Selected as Honorary Chairman For Occasion

Alumni of America's first state university will gather August 7 on Roanoke Island—site of America's first English Colony—for an alumni reunion sponsored by the Dare County Alumni-Alumnae Club of the University of North Carolina. The day has been officially designated as University of North Carolina by D. E. Fearing, director of the celebration being held this summer commemorating the 350th anniversary of English civilization in America.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of the University, is scheduled as the principal speaker at a "dutch" luncheon-reunion at the Nags Head Beach Club as a feature of the day program. Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" will be presented in the huge amphitheatre near Manteo at 8:15 o'clock in the evening, the performance being dedicated to the University. Professor Green and Frederick H. Koch, head of the Carolina Playmakers, have been largely responsible for the historic pageant that is the core of the summer's celebration.

Designation of August 7 as University of North Carolina Day is in recognition of the part played by the University in the celebration being held here. In addition to the aid furnished by Professors Green and Koch, the Playmakers have given freely of their resources toward the success of the pageant. President Graham is a vice-president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and additional local alumni of the University were prominent in engineering plans.

Martin Kellogg, Jr., of Manteo, is general chairman of local arrangements for the University Day. Isaac P. Davis, a University Trustee, of Manteo, is president of the sponsoring alumni-alumnae group. Cooperating with them is J. Marvon Saunders, University Alumni Secretary. Alumni groups in 18 northeastern counties have been invited to send representatives to the rally. In these counties there are 1,375 former students of Chapel Hill alone.

Counties in which alumni groups have been extended special invitations to the University Day on August 7 include Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe (including Rocky Mount), Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

A special committee has been named from Chowan County to cooperate in plans for the Manteo rally. J. H. McMullan of Edenton, is chairman of this committee. Other members are John A. Moore, W. Dossey Pruden, and Julien Wood, honorary chairman, all of Edenton.

There are 47 alumni of the Chapel Hill institution living in Chowan county.

## Methodist Preacher Leaves For Vacation

Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, left Sunday night for Wilson, where he will spend his vacation with his mother. He will be gone two weeks and during his absence the Wednesday night prayer service as well as the Sunday night service will be called off.

Next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service John A. Holmes will substitute for Mr. Blount, while on the following Sunday morning R. T. Malloy, a student at the Duke school of religion, will preach.

## C. D. Stewart Supt. Of Methodist S. S.

C. D. Stewart, a steward of the Methodist Church, was named by the quarterly conference held Sunday morning in the local church as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Stewart, whose term will begin October 1, replaces J. Edwin Bufflay, who has acted as superintendent the past four years, and whose resignation was accepted at the conference meeting Sunday.

## REHABILITATION OF CUPOLA HOUSE UNDER WAY SOON

### Grand Old Mansion to Be Repainted White With Green Shutters

#### NEW PANELING

### Generous Response For Funds Makes Restoration Possible

Perhaps one of the greatest bits of civic improvement Edenton has attempted in a half century is about to get under way with the rehabilitation of the old Cupola House. The place, which has been rather shabby looking of late, is soon to be repainted and as much additional effort as can be made possible with limited funds will be attempted to restore the main room of the ancient mansion, now occupied by the town library to its original fine paneled condition.

Recently the Cupola House Association moved in the matter and sent out earnest appeals for funds. The responses, while yet insufficient to do all that is desired, have been very generous and will permit the painting and reproduction repainting.

The house, always white in color but very drab in recent years, will again be given a double coat of enduring white paint and will once more be scintillating object of attractive appearance to tourists and the town generally. The shutters will, of course, be painted green, as will be the roof of the edifice.

As Edenton well knows the house was built by Frances Corbin back in 1758, and is the oldest dwelling extant in North Carolina today. It was during the ownership of the Bond sisters that a Brooklyn museum offered a large sum for much of the interior paneling in the library room, and was able to purchase it. It is to put this room back in as near as possible its original state that new paneling exactly like what was there before will be reproduced and placed into position.

These improvements will again make the old mansion the coveted beauty spot it has always been in town, and much pleasure is being evinced by the prospective work.

## Local Band Returns Today From Manteo

The Edenton High School band will return today from Manteo, where they took part in the program Wednesday of the celebration commemorating the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare. Members of the band were accompanied by C. L. McCullers, director.

The trip was made possible by the Rotary Club, Lions Club, American Legion and Chamber of Commerce, each organization appropriating \$15 toward the expense.

Those making the trip were: Emmett Wiggins, George Alma Byrum, Shelton Moore, Carrol Stewart, James Mitchener, West Byrum, Jr., Maurice Bunch, Alec White, Norma Perry, Catherine Reeves, Millard Ward, Clarence Leary, Jr., Albert Holmes, Dee Skiles, Durward Harrell, John Briggs, Ed Parker, Ed Habit, Elton Forehand, Daniel Reeves, Heywood Ziegler, Lester Stewart, Raymond Ward, Ruth Byrum, Lloyd Griffin, Jr., Tommy Cross, Ernest Swanner, J. M. Boyce, Parker Helms, and Hubert Brown.

## Three Injured Tuesday In Automobile Mishap

Three young Hertford men were badly cut up early Tuesday afternoon when a truck in which they were riding slipped on the shoulder of the Hertford highway at Parker's curve and turned over. The truck was being returned to Windsor and was full of empty milk bottles. Most of these were broken and it was into the shattered glass the car occupants were hurled and severely gashed. William Landing, 17, was injured the worst, receiving several deep head cuts and wounds about the face, neck and shoulders. George Butler and Fenton Butler, brothers, were the other riders who were brought into Dr. Powell's office with numerous lacerations.

## AT FURNITURE SHOW

W. M. Wilkins returned home on Wednesday from High Point, where he, together with his brother, J. H. Wilkins, attended the furniture ex-

## Another District Office Is Taken Out Of Edenton

### VIRGINIA DARE STAMPS ON SALE AFTER AUGUST 18

### Postmaster C. E. Kramer Reports Having Already Received Many Requests

That there will be a heavy demand for the special stamp issued by the Post Office Department commemorating the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare is apparent by the fact that Postmaster C. E. Kramer reports having already received many requests for these stamps.

This stamp, of the five-cent denomination, will be available at the Edenton Post Office after August 18.

The stamp is one inch square and is printed in light blue. It is being issued in sheets containing 48 stamps. The central design is enclosed in a large upright oval, and depicts Virginia Dare in the arms of her mother, who is seated in the doorway of their cabin home, which is partly visible in the background. The father stands close by holding a musket. Arranged vertically at the left of the central oval is the wording "U. S. Postage" in white-face gothic style. In a similar position and style, at the right, is the designation "5 Cents." At the bottom of the stamp arranged in two lines, is the wording: "In memory of Virginia Dare. Born Roanoke 1587." This is in dark modified script.

## Joint Rotary Meeting At Colerain Aug. 9th

Aside from presenting the matter to the local club today, all arrangements have been made for a joint meeting of the Windsor and Edenton Rotary Clubs to be held at Colerain Beach on Monday evening, August 9. The ladies of Colerain will serve a barbecue chicken supper to members of the two clubs, Rotaryannes and a number of specially invited guests.

Plans for the joint meeting were completed at the meeting of the Windsor Rotary Club Monday night, at which C. H. Wood and C. E. Kramer of the local club were present.

## WEBB NAMED TO ABC BOARD AND ACCEPTS BERTH

### Entire Board Sworn In And All Will Go to Raleigh Today

#### BONDS APPROVED

### Study Conditions Elsewhere Before Making Start Here

Following a second joint meeting of the County Commissioners, Board of Health and Board of Education, held Friday afternoon, Chowan County's Alcoholic Board of Control is now complete. The second meeting was necessary to name a third member of the Board when W. D. Welch refused to serve after being appointed Monday of last week.

J. B. Webb was subsequently named and has agreed to serve on the Board. At the meeting Friday four men were nominated for a place on the Board, these being R. H. Hollowell, B. W. Evans, Hector Lupton and Mr. Webb.

On the first ballot Mr. Webb led the field with six votes, Mr. Lupton following with five votes and one each for Mr. Hollowell and Mr. Evans. On the second ballot the latter two were eliminated and Mr. Webb won out over Mr. Lupton 9 to 4.

Immediately after the election of Mr. Webb the question of salaries, which had been set at the previous meeting, was discussed. There appeared to be considerable criticism and dissatisfaction in paying the Board chairman \$75 per month and the other two members \$4 per diem. Following some discussion, Mrs. George Wood, a member of the school board, offered a motion that each member of the Board be paid \$25 per month. The question was debated pro and con with some favoring a higher salary for the chairman.

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## District N. C. Employment Office Shunted To Williamston

#### WHAT NEXT?

### Third Time Since January Administration Shuns This Town

Expansion and reorganization of the administrative set up of the North Carolina State Employment Service has apparently dethroned Edenton as a district headquarters of the service and will continue it hereafter as but a branch office. The change will go into effect on Monday and Williamston has been designated as the place for the district office which has been operated so successfully for several years out of here.

Memoranda from Raleigh sets forth that the expansion plan is but part of a movement being made in establishing the service as a permanent state organization to be identified with the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. In addition to abolishing Edenton as a district office similar action has been taken doing away with district offices in Morganton, Kinston, Bryson City and Salisbury.

Lessened funds of late have, also, made the move necessary, stated R. Mayne Albright, the state director, who further explains the service is actually being made an adjunct of the social security program now in operation in the state. It is expected that by November 1 Social Security funds will be sufficient to take over the entire work of operating the service.

The transfer of the office from here to Williamston will have some effect, at the moment unknown, upon the clerical force heretofore running the local headquarters. Mrs. Randolph Holoman, the supervising chief here, will naturally go to Williamston or elsewhere, but what will happen to Miss Edna Stephenson, Mrs. H. C. Wozelka, Miss Mildred Munden and Floyd I. White, the other office workers is yet problematical.

It is naturally assumed that inasmuch as a branch office will be maintained some one of the present force will be left in charge of it, but until the transfer actually goes into effect on Monday just who it will be was not known as The Herald went to press.

The new district office will continue the control of all the thirteen Albemarle counties as heretofore, while the branch office from here will have supervision only over Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Perquimans and Chowan, with no certainty now that Bertie will be thus included.

The reorganization-expansion move became known quietly here last week. The local chamber of commerce at once got busy in an effort to have the local office continued as a district headquarters. Letters and telegrams were dispatched asking that this be done but so far no response further than the published stories yesterday of the proposed state changes has been received.

Reduction in funds and in activities of the temporary National Re-employment Service was cited as another reason for consolidation of district offices.

"Until the present time, the State Employment Service has operated on \$75,000 of State funds plus approximately \$20,000 of local funds, both of which were matched by equal amounts of Federal funds," Albright said. "This has been sufficient to provide operating costs for 19 offices and salary and travel for 79 members of the personnel of 216. The remaining 37 offices and 137 employees have been dependent upon NRS funds, the temporary nature and uncertain status of which prevented the growth and development of a permanent service with trained personnel and adequate premises and equipment."

Albright said that later additional local offices may be set up in communities which are considered centers of industrial activities.

Two years ago, on August 3, 1935, the State Employment Service was changed from 32 to 15 districts. "In order to meet the requirements of the United States Employment Service and the Social Security Board, operating jointly in the administration of unemployment compensation, it was found necessary further to reduce the number of districts," Albright said.